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Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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**REQUEST FOR A CORRECTED PUBLICATION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.221(b)**

Sir:

Upon receiving a Notice of Publication of Application setting forth a publication date of June 29, 2006, it has come to our attention that the name of the first named applicant was misspelled and transposed. The name should read "Xavier Gibert," not "Gilbert Xavier," as indicated on the Notice. Accordingly, a marked-up copy of the Notice with the correct spelling of the name of the first named applicant is submitted herewith.

Further, this misspelling seems to also be included in the Office computer records. For instance, the Filing Receipt dated February 16, 2006 lists "Gilbert Xavier" as an applicant. Thus, a marked-up copy of the Filing Receipt setting forth the correct spelling, "Xavier Gibert" is also submitted herewith.

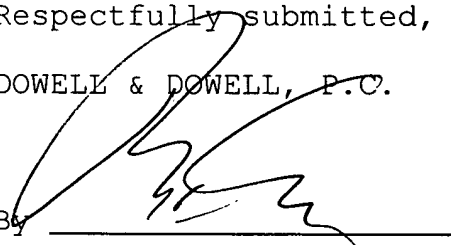
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Moreover, the application papers submitted to the Office did not contain the error. As evinced by the copies of the Application Data Sheet and the Declaration, the papers submitted by the Applicants contained the proper spelling of the name of the first named applicant, Xavier Gibert.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully request corrected publication including the correct spelling of the name of the first named applicant, Xavier Gibert, under 37 CFR 1.221(b), as well as correction of the Office computer records. Since this request involves a mistake made by the Office, applicants believe that no fee is due at this time. Lastly, if possible, acknowledgment of this correction would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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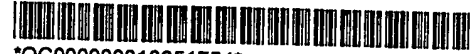
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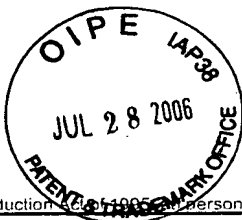
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